

Alewife Reservation Birdhouse Monitoring

Activity: refers to the desired results of attracting the bird named and noting nest building, carrying food for young, young appearing at the entrance, young leaving the house.

Imposters: for example, House Sparrows going into the Tree Swallow house and taking it over

Predators: for example, a raccoon entering the wood duck house and taking the eggs.

Species	Location	Activity	Imposters	Predators	Maintenance	Structure
bluebird						
Crested flycatcher		May-June				
Carolina wren		weekly May-July	April	May-June	fall clean	ok
chickadee		monthly + weekly May-June	April	May-June	fall clean	ok
Downy woodpecker						
flicker		weekly April-July	February	April-July	fall clean	ok; may need tin hole ring
House Wren		weekly May-July		May-July	clean now	is house still there?
House Wren		weekly May-July		May-July		complete house and hang
kestrel	On pole in marsh on NE corner of Minuteman path & Route 2 overpass	weekly April-July	2 times a year	monthly	December clean	add 2 braces
kestrel	On pole on north side of Perch Pond	weekly April-July	2 times a year	monthly	December clean	add 2 braces
kingfisher						
Meadow vole		winter; tracks in snow				
mouse		winter; tracks in snow				
muskrat						
nuthatch						
phoebe		Apr.-Aug.				repair shelter and put up
rabbit	Pile of wood debris in Hill Estates "Orchard"	winter; tracks in snow			Once a season	Check for excessive deterioration & overgrowth
robin		May-July				repair shelter and put up
Rough-winged swallow						
Screech owl	Hill Estates side of Perch Pond on tree	monthly; weekly April-June				
snake		winter; tracks in snow				
Tree swallow		April-June	April-June	March-June		put house up; add 4 braces
Tree swallow		April-June				
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titmouse						
wood duck	Hill Estates side of Perch Pond on pole	weekly April-June	April-June	March-June		possibly add baffle, cut branches